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SUBJECT: R/V VIRGINIA KEY

1. ATLANTIC OCEANOGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGICAL LABORATORY (AOML) HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY BAHAMIAN FISHERMAN WHO REPORTS FINDING AOML BUOY CAT ISLAND. THE 25 FT LONG BY 3 FT DIAMETER, INSTRUMENTED, FREE FLOATING BUOY IS ONE OF SEVERAL RELEASED OVER ONE YEAR AGO IN CENTRAL NORTH ATLANTIC. BY MEANS OF ON BOARD ELECTRONICS, BUOY POSITION WAS PERIODICALLY DETERMINED VIA SATELLITE INTERROGATION TO YIELD INFORMATION ON OCEAN CURRENTS. AOML (PART OF COMMERCE DEPT'S NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION) DESIRES TO SEND R/V VIRGINIA KEY TO ARTHURSTOWN, CAT ISLAND TO RETRIEVE BUOY DURING JAN 30 TO FEB 1. TIMING IMPORTANT AS VESSEL COMMITTED TO OTHER PROJECTS, AND DELAY RISKS ADDITIONAL DAMAGE TO EXPENSIVE INSTRUMENTATION.

2. R/V VIRGINIA KEY IS USG VESSEL (EX-ARMY T BOAT): LENGTH 65 FT, DISPLACEMENT 95 TONS. MASTER IS BURNHAM NEILL, WITH CREW OF 2. NO RESEARCH GOCB WATERS, SOLE PURPOSE IS BUOY RETRIEVAL.

3. ACTION - AS NECESSARY TO PERMIT CALL AND RETRIEVAL OF  
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